

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 09 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 10 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 09 Dec 2023 at 04:05 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a lot of low cloud with rain and summit snow at times, but low for timing of any drier spells, and especially for falling freezing levels Sunday and all aspects of Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 09 Dec 2023: Cloudy, heavy rain in the south, lighter with some drier spells in the north.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 09 Dec 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
70%	50%	60%	60%	60%	60%

Forecast for Saturday 09 Dec 2023

Weather: During the day low cloud with patchy rain for most, a few drier spells at times. However, heavy rain across Arran and southern Argyll from lunchtime and through much of the afternoon. Patchy light rain continuing in the evening and start of the night.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% in the south and east. 40% in the northwest.

Low Cloud and visibility: Visibility mostly poor or very poor. Persistent cloud above 500-600m in the south. Cloud bases around 700-800m in the northwest, occasionally rising to 1000m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	34/41 S	31/37 SE	32/39 SE	23/28 E	16/19 E	13/15 E	12/14 E
900	24/31 S	21/27 SE	27/35 SE	19/25 E	12/17 E	9/12 NE	8/12 E
600	34/40 S	24/29 SE	26/30 SE	18/22 E	15/18 E	11/14 E	8/10 E
300	19/27 S	16/24 SE	10/16 E	7/10 NE	7/11 NE	6/11 NE	4/7 E
Glen	8/20 S	3/13 SE	9/17 NE	7/15 NE	4/10 NE	3/9 N	2/4 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	1/-7	0/-8	-0/-9	-1/-8	-1/-7	-0/-6	-0/-5
900	3/-3	2/-4	2/-5	1/-4	1/-3	1/-2	1/-2
600	6/-1	7/2	5/-1	4/-1	3/-1	3/-0	3/0
300	7/3	7/3	7/4	6/3	5/3	5/3	5/4
Glen	9/7	8/7	8/6	8/6	7/6	7/6	6/6
Freezing Level*	1500m	1400m	1300m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1300m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Some uncertainty over how far north heavy rain spreads and how quickly it clears.

Forecast for Sunday 10 Dec 2023

Weather: Mostly cloudy with some patchy rain and summit sleet or wet snow through the early hours and morning. Rain turns increasingly heavy from around midday, gradually spreading north and turning to snow above around 700m. Drier in the evening with some patchy drizzle mainly over the Trossachs.

Maximum wind: Southeast becoming East 15 gusting 20 mph, but occasionally gusting 30 mph in the south.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10-20%, best chance in the north

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally poor visibility with persistent low cloud across most hills. Bases 500m in the south, occasionally 700m in the north

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 or 5 Celsius.

At 800m: Plus 1 or 2 Celsius.

Freezing level: 1300m, dropping to 1000m from the south through the afternoon and evening.